

Superintendent Notes:

Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC)

Why Should I be Interested in the CRDC and What Data is Collected?

The CRDC is a mandatory data collection, authorized under the statutes and regulations implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and under the Department of Education Organization Act (20 U.S.C. 3413). The CRDC collects information about students in public schools, including enrollment, educational services and outcomes, disaggregated by race/ethnicity, sex, limited English proficiency and disability.

Who Needs to Submit Data?

The CRDC includes all schools and districts in the nation. Every school district and all of the nation's public schools are participating in the 2013-14 CRDC. This includes all state-operated facilities and all educational programs at juvenile justice agencies.

How Do They Use This Data?

The CRDC is a valuable source of information about access to educational opportunities in our Nation's public schools that is used by the Department's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and other Department offices, as well as policymakers, researchers and others in the education community.

What's New regarding the Upload of Data?

The U.S. Dept of Education Office of Civil Rights has finished its re-authorization period, and has obtained funds to build a State agency-level file upload tool. The organization working on the State agency-level file upload tool will be coming to Iowa to see how the Department worked with districts to upload files last year as a place to start a design. The new State-level tool at the CRDC would allow districts to CHOOSE to have the Iowa Department of Education submit approximately 50-60% of their data for them instead of dealing with the file uploads themselves. Districts would then complete the other 40-50% as usual and be able to OVERWRITE any data field. This is another burden-reducer on districts, and good news.

THE 2014 CRDC SURVEY. The CRDC will open in September 2014 and collect 2013-14 school year data. New data elements and new data support for districts will be announced in March by the Office of Civil Rights.

Iowa Department of Education will be notifying districts which data elements will be provided in late March or early April.

Is this an Iowa Department of Education Survey?

The CRDC survey is not an Iowa Department of Education survey. It is owned by the Office of Civil Rights and is a mandatory data collection, authorized under the statutes and regulations implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and others.

Data from the survey is collected into the Office of Civil Rights data collections at: <http://ocrdata.ed.gov/> and is used nationally to analyze civil rights indicators and to ensure equity of educational opportunity to our nation's children.

Will the Office of Civil Rights be communicating with districts?

Yes, Districts will receive a letter from the Office of Civil Rights notifying them of their obligation to report, designate a principal point of contact and verify the reporting status of LEAs and schools.

The Office of Civil Rights will provide frequent opportunities for school districts to understand the data elements collected on the CRDC and the survey submission process. A support center will also be available to school districts to call or email questions regarding the content of the data to be collected.

Districts will get an email notification from the Office of Civil Rights, sent to the principal point person, when the survey submission window opens. During the survey submission period, frequent communication occurs with participating school districts, from the Office of Civil Rights, to offer technical assistance and , as the survey due date approaches, reminders are sent to school districts that they have not yet certified their CRDC submission.

Following the close of the survey submission window, the Office of Civil Rights reviews the data for possible anomalies and will offer the districts the opportunity to amend their submission.

Where can go to find out more about this collection?

The main website for the federal CRDC survey is at: <http://www.crdc.ed.gov/>